

A JOINT MEMORIAL

1
2 REQUESTING THAT STATE GOVERNMENT DEVELOP AND ADOPT SPECIFIC
3 GOALS TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY
4 AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL TECHNOLOGIES THROUGHOUT STATE GOVERNMENT
5 AND THE STATE.

6 WHEREAS, while New Mexico currently enjoys abundant oil, coal and natural
7 gas resources that greatly contribute to the state's economy and to the state
8 government's revenue, these energy sources are finite and ultimately may be
9 exhausted; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States is heavily dependent on foreign sources of oil,
11 which renders the country extremely vulnerable to fluctuations in international
12 production; and

13 WHEREAS, renewable energy sources, defined as energy derived from wind,
14 solar, biomass or geothermal resources; energy efficiency; and alternative fuel
15 technologies provide the state with opportunities for a sustainable energy future,
16 reduced air emissions and water demands, greatly reduced risk of catastrophic fires in
17 state forests and environmentally sensitive economic development; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twelfth in the nation in wind energy potential and
19 second in the nation in solar energy potential, has geothermal resources available in
20 twenty of its thirty-three counties and has abundant biomass resources in its forests;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory, Sandia national laboratories and
23 New Mexico's research universities are engaged in substantive research, development
24 and demonstrations of renewable energy, energy efficiency and alternative fuel
25 technologies with significant application and commercialization potential in New Mexico;
and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency constitutes the least expensive alternative to new
energy production, and the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation

1 Act offers the state the opportunity to dramatically reduce electric and gas utility costs
2 through energy efficient retrofits; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico's congressional delegation, the senators of which
4 serve on the United States senate committee on energy and natural resources, has a
5 unique opportunity to promote innovative energy programs and policies in federal
6 energy legislation to benefit New Mexico and the nation;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the executive branch of state government be
9 encouraged to pursue energy policies and goals to implement the use of renewable
10 energy, energy efficiency and alternative fuel technologies throughout state
11 government and the state; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least ten percent of
13 New Mexico's electrical energy demands be generated from renewable sources by the
14 year 2010; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public regulation commission be
16 requested to promote and encourage consumers to generate their own electricity from
17 renewable sources and to sell that power back to their utility companies through net
18 metering; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state government, including state
20 universities and public schools, be requested to take all reasonable actions to "lead by
21 example" with respect to incorporating renewable energy, energy efficiency and
22 alternative fuel technologies and practices into all aspects of its capital projects,
23 procurement and operations, including utilizing performance contracting pursuant to
24 the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act to effect energy
25 efficiency conversions in state buildings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of energy, minerals and
natural resources, in cooperation with other relevant state agencies, be requested to
pursue all feasible measures to encourage the use of alternative-fueled and
gas-electric hybrid vehicles throughout the state, including the development of a

1 statewide alternative fuel filling station infrastructure; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of economic development be
3 directed to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a "renewable energy economic
4 development cluster" to complement in-state renewable energy production and to
5 encourage the development of a renewable energy manufacturing industry to foster
6 job and wealth creation in New Mexico; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the
8 governor, the New Mexico congressional delegation, the secretary of energy, minerals
9 and natural resources, the secretary of economic development and the public
10 regulation commission.

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